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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a customer with a regional Internet service provider (Sonic.net). I choose them because I like their Internet service and pricing policy - simple and straightforward with no multi-tier pricing or speed nonsense or throttling. They earn my allegiance with great customer service. I appreciate the FCC rules that made access to the copper infrastructure mandatory and opened up the possibility of competition with ATT and others.

I have benefited from the separation of the distribution grid and the service providers that use it to bring me a choice of Internet connections using landlines.

Businesses need a predictable environment in which to operate, especially utilities that have long lead times to build out their networks. It is premature to change the basis on which the local and regional providers have built their businesses.

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